

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTFALL IN PRODUCTION OF OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kharif oilseeds crop of this year is lower than expectations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which this shortfall affect production of oil;
- (d) whether the Government propose to encourage use of rice-bran, cotton seed etc. to replace the traditional oilseeds; and
- (e) if so, the steps proposed to evolve a policy to use only domestic sources of raw materials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a)&(b): Due to drought like situation in many States of the country, the production of Kharif oilseeds has slightly declined this year as compared to the production of oilseeds during the last Kharif season.
- (c): As the current Rabi season is not yet over, it is not possible to assess the shortfall in the production of oilseeds and edible oils.
- (d)&(e): In addition to cultivable annual oilseeds, the use of rice-bran, cottonseed, mango kernel etc. are also being harnessed. In order to use such oils in manufacturing of soaps, lubricants etc. various incentives are provided to the millers as well as the manufacturers.